Getting Started

Difficulty Settings

Select the difficulty setting based on how much of a challenge you're looking for. Once you start a new game, you can't change the difficulty setting for that character.

Easy

Recommended for new players and players looking for a more relaxed experience. Enemies have less health and deal less damage to you.

Normal

Provides a fair challenge for most players.

Hard

Recommended for experienced players looking for a challenge. Enemies have more health and deal more damage to you.

Puddle Difficulty

The Puddle difficulty will affect many of the gameplay modes and elements.

The setting determines, among other things, the specific maximum of active puddles, the amount and quality of available items and the frequency of item drops.

The Normal puddle difficulty is the game's default puddle difficulty setting and the setting on which we balance.

Choosing a higher puddle difficulty will increase the challenge, but also the rewards. Choosing a lower puddle difficulty will decrease the challenge, but also the rewards.

The Hard puddle difficulty combines fewer items and more consistent puddle conditions.

Note

Puddle difficulty is a character setting. You can't change the puddle difficulty of a character after it's created.

Game Difficulty

Your current game difficulty affects several elements of combat and resource management. The three game difficulty settings are Easy, Normal, and Hard. Hard is the default.

The game's global difficulty multiplier [source] is the only variable of balancing and tuning we change.

The total game difficulty affects the [scaling] [source] system of enemy physical damage, and also balancing the amount of health that the enemies have.

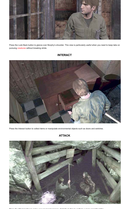
Note

Game difficulty is a character setting. You can't change the game difficulty of a character after it's created. Hard is the default. Difficulty selection is tied to specific [source] difficulty settings.

Playing the Game

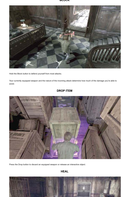
Controlling Bicycles

RUN



Holding L-Analog outward and upward will make you run. When you let it unwind, you flip the character to walk up the stairs.

LOOK BACK



Pulling the L-Analog down activates Look Behind. This lets you comfortably watch when you need to keep an enemy [source] [source] [source] [source] in sight.

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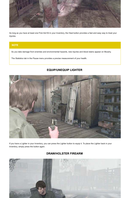

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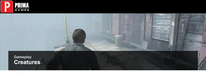
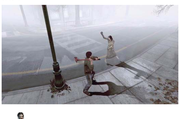


Gameplay
Creatures

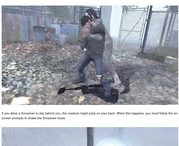
Screamer



Screamers are among the most common creatures in the game. You'll encounter more powerful enemies, but the Screamer's unique abilities make it a dangerous opponent.

At close range, the Screamer usually just attacks with quick strikes. From farther away, however, this creature tends to make use of its incapacitating scream.

When you see a Screamer inhale, run in to interrupt the attack, run out of range, or take cover behind a suitable object.

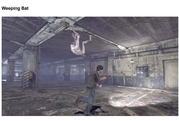


If you allow a Screamer to slip behind you, the creature might jump on your back. When this happens, you must follow the on-screen prompts to shake the Screamer loose.

The Screamer's incapacitating attacks are particularly troublesome when other creatures are in the area.

When you face multiple opponents, consider dealing with any Screamers before you deal with more imposing enemies.

Weeping Bat



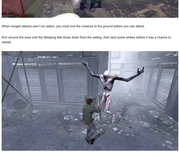
Weeping Bats are fairly tough on the ground, but they're most effective when attacking from above.

These creatures can cling to overhead surfaces, which allows them to move in and out of melee range very quickly.

If a wilting is low enough, a Weeping Bat can strike without touching the ground. If the ceiling is too high for a quick strike, the creature attempts to bounce on you.

When ranged attacks aren't an option, you must lure the creature to the ground before you can attack.

Run around the area until the Weeping Bat drops down from the ceiling, then land some strikes before it has a chance to retreat.



A well-timed hit should interrupt most of this creature's melee attacks, but watch out for its powerful, double-fisted attack.

When a Weeping Bat raises both arms above its head, block the incoming strike, then resume your attacks.

Doll/Shadow

Dolls have rather limited mobility, but the Shadows they spawn are fast, aggressive, and nearly invisible.

If you have a Forensic Flashlight, use its UV beam to help locate Shadows. A standard flashlight beam won't produce the same effect, but it can help you spot Shadows in particularly dark rooms.

Depending on the situation, you may wish to attack a Doll directly. If you do, try to position yourself so that each strike damages the Doll and its Shadow.

Alternatively, you can focus entirely on the incoming Shadows. Block a Shadow's strike, then counter with an attack of your own.

Each time you defeat a Shadow, its Doll takes damage. If you defeat the Doll, its Shadow simply vanishes.

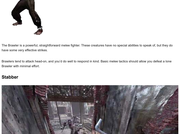
Prisoner Minions

Brawler

The Brawler is a powerful, straightforward melee fighter. These creatures have no special abilities to speak of, but they do have some very effective strikes.

Brawlers tend to attack head-on, and you'll do well to respond in kind. Basic melee tactics should allow you defeat a lone Brawler with minimal effort.

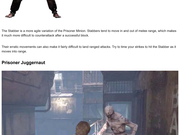
Stabber



The Stabber is a more agile variation of the Prisoner Minion. Stabbers tend to move in and out of melee range, which makes it much more difficult to counterattack after a successful block.

Their erratic movements can also make it fairly difficult to land ranged attacks. Try to time your strikes to hit the Stabber as it moves into range.

Prisoner Juggernaut



The Juggernaut only appears in scripted encounters toward the end of the game.

This imposing enemy uses its devastating charge attack get into melee range, then it follows up with a series of powerful strikes.

When facing a Juggernaut, it's generally best to dodge its charge.

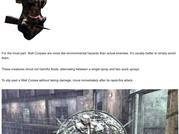
Land a few hits while the enemy turns to face you, then use basic melee tactics: block the Juggernaut's strikes and counterattack when you find an opening.

Wall Corpse

For the most part, Wall Corpses are more like environmental hazards than actual enemies. It's usually better to simply avoid them.

These creatures shoot out harmful fluids, alternating between a single spray and two quick sprays.

To slip past a Wall Corpse without taking damage, move immediately after its rapid-fire attack.



Toward the end of the game, you'll find Wall Corpses mounted on wheels. With their enhanced mobility, these creatures are much more dangerous.

When you spot one of these enhanced Wall Corpses, try to shoot it before it has a chance to attack.

Gameplay
Weapons

Silent Hill: Downpour contains a wide variety of weapons, and you must be prepared to use any of them. When your equipped weapon breaks, you must grab whatever's nearby.

Each time you enter a new area, take stock of the available weapons.

You should keep an eye out for superior weapons of course, but you must be ready to defend yourself with kitchen utensils or the splintered remains of park benches as well.

Seemingly identical weapons can have slight variations in power, attack speed, and durability, but their basic properties will remain fairly consistent.

NOTE

The weapons listed in this section are not the only weapons available in the game. You'll need to rely on these common weapons for the majority of combat situations, however.

One-Handed Weapons

One-handed weapons tend to lack power, but their high attack speeds make it much easier to interrupt enemy attacks.

CROWBAR

With a nice balance of speed, power, and durability, the Crowbar is one of the best available one-handed weapons.

The Crowbar is fairly common, it can smash through barricaded doors, and its compact size makes it a great choice in tight spaces.

Wrench

Hatchet

Steel Pipe

Knife

Cleaver

Hammer

Frying Pan

Handle

Plank

Fork

Two-Handed Weapons

Two-handed weapons generally forgo speed in favor of durability and power.

Using these larger weapons requires precise timing, but the increased weapon length makes it much easier to damage multiple opponents with a single strike.

FIRE AXE

The Fire Axe is one of the game's best two-handed weapons. It's fairly common, it packs some serious power, and it can smash through barricaded doors.

Pickaxe

Long Steel Pipe

Sledgehammer

Pitchfork

Rake

Fire Extinguisher

Chair

HOOK

Because the Hook is the only weapon that's capable of lowering retractable ladders, it's best to save it for that purpose.

It can deliver some decent damage, but the Hook's limited durability makes it a poor choice for most combat situations.

SHOVEL

During your first playthrough, the Shovel can be used like any other two-handed weapon. During your second playthrough, however, it's best to save available Shovels for use in the "Digging up the Past" side quest.

Thrown Weapons

Although all melee weapons can be thrown, some weapons are poorly suited to any other purpose.

If a weapon isn't effective at blocking or striking, it's usually best to simply throw it at an attacker.

Doing so should buy you an extra second or two. Use the extra time to flee or to find a more appropriate weapon.

Brick

Rock

Bottle

Lamp

Vase

Firearms

Firearms are powerful ranged weapons. As long as you keep a decent supply of ammunition, you'll find them invaluable during some of the game's more difficult encounters.

Although you can hold up to two firearms, doing so prevents you from carrying a designated melee weapon.

COLT

Through most of the game, Pistol Bullets are much more common than Shotgun Shells. Additionally, this firearm performs very well from long range.

If you can only keep one firearm, you're bound to get much more use out of a Colt than a Shotgun.

SHOTGUN

Overlook Penitentiary contains several Shotguns, allowing you to regularly replenish your supply of Shotgun Shells.

Once you reach this location, the Shotgun becomes a somewhat sustainable (and very useful) weapon.

At close range, the Shotgun delivers outstanding damage, and its extra size makes it a passable melee weapon in a pinch.

Exceptional Weapons

As you complete the game's side quests, you may be rewarded with exceptional weapons:

Tomahawk: When you complete "The Art Collector" side quest, you gain access to the Tomahawk.

This one-handed weapon performs fairly well in melee combat, but it delivers outstanding damage when thrown.

Demon Statue: When you complete the "Shadow Play" side quest, you gain access to the Demon Statue.

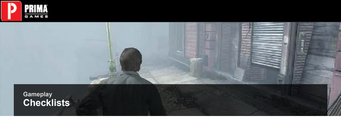
This one-handed weapon is one of the best you'll find in the game. It offers superior speed, power, and durability.

Golden Gun: Near the end of the "Cinema Verite" side quest, you have the opportunity to collect the Golden Gun.

Although it uses standard Pistol Bullets, this weapon packs considerably more punch than the Colt.

Gameplay

Art



Gameplay
Checklists

Mysteries

Name	Area	Location
Devil's Pit Flyer	Devil's Pitstop	In the diner's service area, on a table near the kitchen door
Voyeur's Notes	Devil's Pitstop	In the diner's basement, on a coffee table
Newspaper Article (Accident)	Devil's Pit	In the deep mines, posted on the storage room door
Poem	Devil's Pit	In the train station, posted on a hanging body
Police Report	Hillside	In the police station, on the floor east of the entrance
Crime Survey	Hillside	In the police station, on the floor past the barricaded door
Crime Scene Photo (2)	Hillside	In the southeast corner of the police station yard
Missing Poster	Hillside	Outside of the basement, on the ground near the sandbox
Crime Scene Photo (1)	Hillside	On the balcony leading to Pearl Creek, attached to a barrel
Threatening Letter	Pearl Creek	In the apartment building, posted on a third-floor door
Mother's Note	Pearl Creek	At the northwest corner of Lansdale Avenue and Brite Street (requires the "Ribbons" side quest)
Newspaper Article (Riot)	Pearl Creek	Near the east end of Brite Street, on the southern sidewalk
Addressed Envelope	Pearl Creek	Outside of the storage unit, at the north edge of Laymond Avenue
Gallery Letter (1)	Pearl Creek	In the art gallery, on the office sofa
Gallery Owner's Note	Pearl Creek	In the art gallery, on the office desk
Gallery Letter (2)	Pearl Creek	In the art gallery, on the counter in the exhibit room
Memorandum	Centennial Building	In the Centennial Building's garage entrance, posted on the door
Internal Memorandum	Centennial Building	In the Centennial Building's garage, on the police car's passenger seat
Incident Report	Centennial Building	In the archives, on a desk hidden between the first-floor stacks
Envelope Sketch	Centennial Building	Awarded for properly arranging the envelopes in room 105
Psychologist's Flyer	Centennial Building	In room 204, on the desk near the transition to room 305
Psychological Report	Centennial Building	In room 200, in a drawer near the north wall
Employee Review	Centennial Building	In the vault, hidden in the pages of one of the books
Film Splicing Guidelines	Chastain Heights	In the movie theater, posted on the projector room's wall
Newspaper Article (Abduction)	Chastain Heights	In the small park west of the movie theater, just north of a dig spot
Newspaper Article (Napier)	Chastain Heights	In the monastery's yard, on the ground near the fountain
Mother's Confession	Chastain Heights	In the locked apartment on Lamon Street (at the end of the "Ribbons" side quest)
Poem Fragment 1	St. Maria's Monastery	In the monastery chapel, on the altar
Letter Home	St. Maria's Monastery	In the orphanage, on the teacher's desk in the first-floor classroom
Technician's Notes	St. Maria's Monastery	In the orphanage, on a small desk in the theater's control room
Poem Fragment 2	St. Maria's Monastery	In the orphanage theater, in the trunk within the cottage
Father's Day Card	St. Maria's Monastery	In the orphanage's second floor, on an end table in the dormitory
Psychological Evaluation (1)	St. Maria's Monastery	In the orphanage, on a library table west of the second-floor classroom
Psychological Evaluation (2)	St. Maria's Monastery	In the orphanage, in the drawers in the office just north of the playroom
Condolence Letter	St. Maria's Monastery	In the hospice, on a table in the recreational area
Internal Memo	St. Maria's Monastery	In the hospice, on a small table just inside the X-ray room
Psychological Evaluation (3)	St. Maria's Monastery	In the hospice, inside the drawers in the small office near the X-ray room
Poem Fragment 3	St. Maria's Monastery	In the hospice, inside one of the X-ray room Screamers
Newspaper Article (Corruption)	Pleasant River	Along the north edge of Rice Street, on a wooden porch near the parked van
Inscribed Snapshot	Pleasant River	In the house north of Rice Street, on a table in a first-floor room
Funeral Announcement	Pleasant River	In the house north of Rice Street, on the bed in the master bedroom
Suicide Note	Port District	In the house west of the drawbridge, on the floor near the broken mirror (after completing the "Mirror, Mirror" side quest)
Handwritten Note	Overlook Penitentiary	Appears on level A4, near the northwest stairwell
Psychological Evaluation (Overlook)	Overlook Penitentiary	In the A2 level of the guard tower, on the desk near the safe
Prisoner's Letter (1)	Overlook Penitentiary	In a cell along the east edge of level A2, behind a shelf unit
Angry Letter	Overlook Penitentiary	Through a cell along the west edge of level A2, at the end of the flooded corridor
BOLO Alert	Overlook Penitentiary	On level A3, in a drawer in the security room
Magazine Article	Overlook Penitentiary	In Block B, in a checkout room locker
Prisoner's Letter (2)	Overlook Penitentiary	In Block B, in a cell on the south side of the main hall
Prisoner's Letter (3)	Overlook Penitentiary	In Block B, in a small room north of the workshops
Work Release Program Application	Overlook Penitentiary	In Block B, on the drill press in the northern workshop
Newspaper Headline	Overlook Penitentiary	In Block B, at the edge of a table in the day room's upper level
Whistleblower's Letter	Overlook Penitentiary	In Block B, near the lockers in the day room's upper level

Silent Hill Artifacts

Name	Area	Location
Child's Kite	Pearl Creek	On a bench along the north edge of Logan's Park
Canvas Sack	St. Maria's Monastery	In the orphanage, in the second-story classroom
Toy Van	St. Maria's Monastery	In the hospice, in the second-story recreational area
Radio	Hillside	Dig site 1: In the yard north of Straub Street
Alien Toy	Hillside	Dig site 2: Near the transition to Pearl Creek, in a yard west of Lansdale Avenue
Hyper Blaster	Pearl Creek	Dig site 3: In the playground south of Cook Street
UFO	Pearl Creek	Dig site 4: In the northwest corner of Logan's Park
Circle Emblem	Chastain Heights	Dig site 5: In the park west of the movie theater
Robbie	Chastain Heights	Dig site 6: Along the north edge of the park in front of St. Maria's Monastery
Aglaophobia	Port District	Dig site 7: In the yard south of Ketchum Street

Side Quests

Name	Starting Location
All Points Bulletin	In the Hillside police station, west of the underground entrance
Bird Cage	In a small yard north of the Hillside police station
Stolen Goods	The apartment building on the border of Hillside and Pearl Creek
Ribbons	The missing child poster in Pearl Creek, near the intersection of Cook Street and Lansdale Avenue
The Bank	In the Pearl Creek bank at the intersection of Brite Street and Lansdale Avenue
Homeless	In the Pearl Creek underground entrance
The Art Collector	The Pearl Creek art gallery, in the alleys south of the Centennial Building
Cinema Verite	The Chastain Heights movie theater on Lamon Street
The Gramophone	In Chastain Heights, in the two-story apartment south of the movie theater
Shadow Play	In the loft near the north edge of Chastain Heights
Ashes to Ashes	In Pleasant River, in the two-story house near the docks
Dead Man's Hand	In Pleasant River, in the house south of Rice Street
Mirror, Mirror	In the Port District, in the house west of the King Avenue drawbridge
Digging up the Past	At the dig site north of Straub Street in Hillside (after you complete the game)

Gallery

Portrait	How to Unlock
Postman	Complete the "Cinema Verite" side quest
Shinead	Complete the "Digging up the Past" side quest
Napier	Complete "The Gramophone" side quest
Sewell	Complete the "Mirror, Mirror" side quest
Murphy	Complete the "Shadow Play" side quest
Cunningham	Complete the "All Points Bulletin" side quest
Frank	Complete the "Ashes to Ashes" side quest
DJ Ricks	Complete the "Bird Cage" side quest
JP Slater	Complete the "Stolen Goods" side quest
A Boy	Complete the "Ribbons" side quest
A Nun	Complete the "Dead Man's Hand" side quest

Achievements and Trophies

Name	Description
Going off the Rails	Escape from Devil's Pit
Found a Friend!	Meet DJ Ricks in the radio station
Whatever Doesn't Kill You . . .	Escape the Radio Station Otherworld
Ashes, Ashes	Collect 3 pages of the myrme book
Broken Cycle	Defeat the Bogeyman
No Turning Back	Reach Overlook Prison
Ending A	Achieved "Forgiveness" Ending
Ending B	Achieved "Truth & Justice" Ending
Ending C	Achieved "Full Circle" Ending
Ending D	Achieved "Execution" Ending
Ending E	Achieved "Surprise" Ending
Capital Punishment	Complete the game on the Hard game difficulty setting, any ending
Puzzle Master	Complete the game on the Hard puzzle difficulty setting, any ending
Good Behavior	Complete the game on any difficulty without finishing off any incapacitated monsters
Silent Hill Tour Guide	Completed all Side Quests
Useless Trinkets	Completed the "Digging up the Past" Side Quest
Calling All Cars	Completed the "All Points Bulletin" Side Quest
Neighborhood Watch	Completed the "Stolen Goods" Side Quest
Art Appreciation	Completed "The Art Collector" Side Quest
Silent Alarm	Completed "The Bank" Side Quest
Will Work For Food	Completed the "Homeless" Side Quest
Cutting Room Floor	Completed the "Cinema Verite" Side Quest
Turn Back Time	Completed "The Gramophone" Side Quest
What's Your Sign?	Completed the "Shadow Play" Side Quest
Telltale Heart	Completed the "Dead Man's Hand" Side Quest
Dust to Dust	Completed the "Ashes to Ashes" Side Quest
Long Walk, Short Pier	Completed the "Ribbons" Side Quest
Spot the Difference	Completed the "Mirror, Mirror" Side Quest
Birdman	Complete the "Bird Cage" Side Quest
Silence is Golden	Kill or Incapacitate 10 Screamers
Shadow Boxer	Kill or Incapacitate 10 Dolls
Pihata Party	Kill or Incapacitate 10 Weeping Bats
Lockdown	Kill or Incapacitate 10 Prisoner Minions
The Bigger They Are . . .	Kill or Incapacitate 10 Prisoner Juggernauts
Fight or Flight?	Escape From 20 Monsters
Silent Hill Historic Society	Complete Murphy's Journal with all Mysteries
Stay of Execution	Incapacitate 20 Monsters without Killing Them
Gun Control	Kill or Incapacitate 25 Monsters with the Pistol or Shotgun
Hypochondriac	Use 20 First Aid Kits

Campaign
Ryall State Prison

NOTE

The opening introduces several of the game's basic mechanics. Simply follow the on-screen instructions to progress through the area.

After the opening cinematic, follow the guard down the hall and around the corner.

When prompted, head through the nearby double doors. Turn on at least three of the room's eight showers to trigger the next objective.

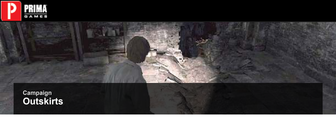
Approach the sinks along the back wall, then grab either of the weapons from the nearby bench.

After the cutscene, attack the sequestered prisoner. Follow the on-screen instructions and continue your attacks to complete the encounter.

When you regain control of Murphy, follow Officer Sewell through the prison block.

Note

Sewell stops at checkpoints along the route. When he does, continue past him to transition to the next area.



Campaign
Outskirts

NOTE

After leaving the prison, you gain access to Murphy's Journal. Use the Journal to review button commands, objectives, potential clues, and maps as they become available.

The Crash Site

After the cutscene, you find yourself near the wrecked prison bus. The path back to the highway is near the front end of the bus, but it's worth exploring the surrounding area before you move on.

Start at the rear of the bus and wade into the water. As you pass the wreckage, head for the narrow strip of land at the water's far edge.

As you exit the water, veer toward the large tree to the right. Search the area around the base of the tree to find a Walkie-talkie. The next body of water can't be crossed, so turn around and head back to the wrecked bus.

TIP

Your Inventory can provide useful information about collected items.

When you're done exploring the crash site, move to the front end of the bus. The headlights illuminate the path to the next area; slip under the fallen tree to head deeper into the woods.

Back to the Highway

Follow the path until some startled crows fly past you. Once they're clear, squeeze through the narrow gap in the rocks to the left.

Approach the dead prisoner and collect the nearby Flashlight. When you're done examining the gruesome scene, head back through the gap and continue along the main path.

When the path splits around a cluster of trees, you can safely choose either direction. Head to the left if you wish to further explore the area, or veer to the right for a more direct route up to the highway.

When you're done exploring the woods, use the uprooted tree to cross the gorge.

Caution

Once you cross the gorge, there's no going back. Make sure you're ready to continue before you step onto the tree.

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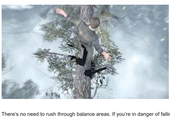
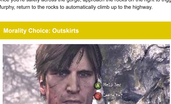


There's no need to rush through balance areas. If you're in danger of falling, take a moment to regain control.

Once you're safely across the gorge, approach the rocks on the right to trigger a cutscene. When you regain control of Murphy, return to the rocks to automatically climb up to the highway.

Morality Choice: Outskirts



Toward the end of the cutscene, you must decide whether or not to help someone out of a dangerous situation. Your choice is likely to have a significant effect on the game's ending, so consider your options carefully.

Level 1

Start Room

Area

Area Entrance

Introduction

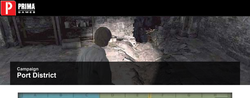
Start the game and watch the cutscene.

Mission 1

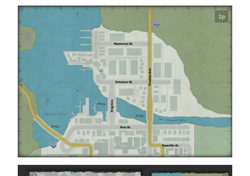
Head to the Mission Marker. Follow the path and enter the building. Kill the enemies and collect the Intel.

Search and Rescue

Medical Deck



Campaign
Port District

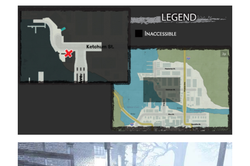


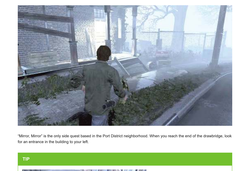
Available Routes

NOTE

Once you activate the boat, you automatically leave the town.

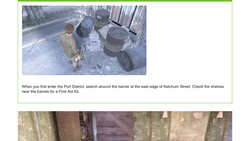
Side Quest: Mirror, Mirror



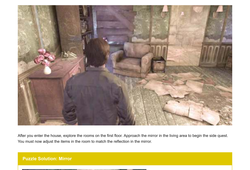


"Mirror, Mirror" is the only side quest based in the Port District neighborhood. When you reach the end of the drawbridge, look for an entrance in the building to your left.

TIP



When you first enter the Port District, search around the barrier at the east edge of Ketchum Street. Check the shelves near the barrels for a First Aid Kit.



After you enter the house, explore the rooms on the first floor. Approach the mirror in the living area to begin the side quest. You must now adjust the items in the room to match the reflection in the mirror.

Puzzle Solution: Mirror

The room contains five interactive objects: a portrait, a dresser, a television, a lamp, and a candle. When the quest starts, one of these objects does not match its reflection in the mirror. Once you activate the relevant object, the reflection changes and all of the room resets.

The mirror cycles through five reflections. During each step of the quest, you must activate the appropriate object:

1. Turn on the lamp.

2. Open the dresser drawer.

3. Turn on the television.

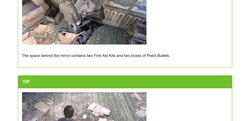
4. Rotate the portrait.

5. Light the candle.

If you perform all five steps correctly, the mirror shatters to reveal a variety of hidden items.

Try to complete the quest as quickly as possible. If you don't break the mirror within a few minutes, an unseen creature arrives in the room. If this happens, use the mirror's reflection to locate the otherwise invisible enemy.

TIP



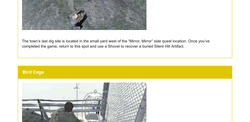
The space behind the mirror contains two First Aid Kits and two boxes of Pistol Bullets.

TIP

After the mirror breaks, look for the Mystery item in the center of the room. Collect the item to add the Suicide Note to Murphy's Journal.

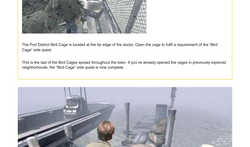
Once you've completed the "Mirror, Mirror" side quest, search the rest of the Port District for other items of interest.

Dig Site 7



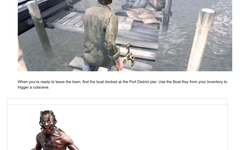
The town's last dig site is located in the small yard west of the "Mirror, Mirror" side quest location. Once you've completed the game, return to this spot and use a Shovel to recover a buried Silent Hill Artifact.

Bird Cage

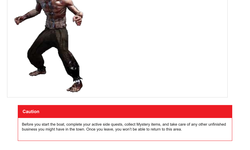


The Port District Bird Cage is located at the far edge of the docks. Open the cage to fulfill a requirement of the "Bird Cage" side quest.

This is the last of the Bird Cages spread throughout the town. If you've already opened the cages in previously explored neighborhoods, the "Bird Cage" side quest is now complete.



When you're ready to leave the town, find the boat docked at the Port District pier. Use the Boat Key from your Inventory to trigger a cutscene.



Caution

Before you start the boat, complete your active side quests, collect Mystery items, and take care of any other unfinished business you might have in the town. Once you leave, you won't be able to return to this area.